



What Cancer Cannot Do

LifeCare Memos® – Messages of Compassion

Cancer Can Be a Frightening Word

Hearing the “c” word in the same sentence with your own name or the name of someone you love, can be one of the most frightening experiences in life. Everything seems to change: the way those around you react and respond to you, the schedule of medical appointments and treatments, the vocabulary you use, the questions you ask, your hopes and dreams for the future. You are forced to face your own mortality in a way you have not done in the past.

New questions come: “Why”, and “Why me?” There is no satisfying answer to these, but there is another important question that should be asked: “**LORD**, what do you want me to learn from this.” Ruth Graham prayed

*“Oh **LORD**, I would not ask you why these trials come my way,
But what is there for me to learn, of your great love, I pray?”*

Have you ever thought about how limited cancer really is?

An unknown author wrote the following words:

What Cancer Can Not Do

Cancer is so limited:

- It cannot cripple love.
- It cannot shatter hope.
- It cannot corrode faith.
- It cannot eat away peace.
- It cannot destroy confidence.
- It cannot kill friendship.
- It cannot shut our memories.
- It cannot silence courage.
- It cannot invade the soul.
- It cannot reduce eternal life.
- It cannot quench the Spirit.
- It cannot lessen the power of the resurrection.
- It cannot change **GOD**'s plans for you.
- It cannot separate you from the love of **GOD**.

Things To Remember

- 1) Security is not found in being in control, but in saying “yes” to **GOD**’s plan for your life.
- 2) Remember that Jesus’ life on this earth included the same things we experience, including pain, anxiety, fear, concern for loved ones, loneliness, etc.

Things To Do

- Consider each day a gift.
- Make every day count.
- Realize how much you depend on others.
- Practice a Charlie Brown philosophy; Linus says to Charlie, “Life is difficult, isn’t it?” Charlie replies, “Yes, it is. But I’ve developed a new philosophy . . . I only dread one day at a time.”
- Spend more time on the phone or communicating with friends than in front of the TV.

Helpful Scriptures

- *“Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.”* (Matthew 6:34).
- *“Because of the **LORD**’s great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. I say to myself, ‘The **LORD** is my portion; therefore I will wait for him’.”* (Lamentations 3:22-24).
- *“I lift up my eyes to the hills—where does my help come from? My help comes from the **LORD**, the Maker of heaven and earth. He will not let your foot slip—He who watches over you will not slumber ...The **LORD** watches over you—the **LORD** is your shade at your right hand; the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night. The **LORD** will keep you from all harm—He will watch over your life...”* (Psalm 121).
- *“This is what the **LORD** says—He who created you...He who formed you: “Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are Mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze”* (Isaiah 43:1-2).

- *“May the **GOD** of Hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit” (Romans 15:13).*
- *“For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of **GOD** that is in Christ Jesus our **LORD**” (Romans 8:38-39).*

Include God

When faced with cancer or some other seemingly impossible situation in life, do not forget the words of the Bible

*“For with **GOD** nothing shall be impossible” (Luke 1:37).*

GOD can do what no other power can do.

- Talk to **GOD** in prayer.
- Read the Bible.
- Ask **GOD** to reveal Himself to you.
- If you have never invited Jesus Christ to come into your life pray and ask Him. Use your own words or pray the following: “Jesus, You died upon a cross and rose again to save the lost. Forgive me now of all my sin. Come be my Savior, **LORD** and friend. Change my life, and make it new. And help me, **LORD**, to live for You.”

Remember, there are many things cancer can't do. Most of all it cannot separate us from **GOD**'s love in Jesus Christ.

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When experiencing the stresses of life, people need support. The Psalmist needed that support and found it when he turned to **GOD**. He said, *“Look to my right and see; no one is concerned for me. I have no refuge; no one **cares for my life**. I cry to You, O **LORD**; I say, ‘You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living’” (Psalm 142:4-5).*

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